

## **Supply and Safety Help get the Job Done**

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NMCB ONE's Detail Sigonella has entered its third month of deployment. Their Supply and Safety departments, two factions not often recognized, have kept the detail running smoothly and safely.

SK2 (SCW) Connie Goss is currently tasked with running the supply department, which handles ordering, receiving, issuing, and expediting parts and supplies. Most of these parts are for the Civil Engineer Support Equipment (CESE), and supplies are either tools or material for the job sites. She is the detail's lifeline to the outside world for any material needed to get the mission accomplished. "The project supervisors tell me what they need and when they need it by. Some items I can go out in town and get it the same day, while others I have to ensure I order well in advance so they arrive on time," said Goss.

Also under her control is the Material Liaison Office (MLO), which is a storage facility for material on hand such as plywood, concrete, and other materials used on an everyday basis for a Seabee project. Project supervisor CE2 (SCW) Orlando Williams said, "SK2 keeps MLO nicely organized. This makes it easy for me to see what materials I have on hand and in what quantities. Without her, I would be looking all over the warehouse for my materials."

Another big part of a Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB), be it a detail site or main body, is safety. Everyone wears the sticker "Safety is my responsibility" on their hardhat. Here in Sigonella though, SW1 Michael Salerno is the one who holds the title of detail Safety Petty Officer. He is the one with all the formal safety training and makes sure it is being practiced everyday. He holds general safety lectures daily in the mornings at quarters and also ensures the jobsites and shops hold daily safety lectures more pertinent to the day's work.

Other responsibilities that fall under safety are updating certifications on the fire extinguisher, eyewash and shower. SW1 Salerno is also responsible for performing monthly inventories of all hazardous material. It may sound like a lot, but all these things are an important and viable part of the safety of detail personnel, and they also help prevent mishaps. "When troops feel the pressure to get the job done on time, safety is often the first thing to go because the safe way isn't always the fastest way. I make sure that no matter what the deadline is, we practice safety in everything we do," said SW1 Salerno.

Detail Sigonella is operating on all cylinders because of hard working people like SK2 (SCW) Goss and SW1 Salerno. Material, tools, and parts equal a happy jobsite and a higher availability of equipment. Along with a good safety program that greatly reduces injuries, these things lead to higher productivity.



CMCN Charles Salyer helps SK2 (SCW) Connie Goss by stacking some drywall in MLO for her.